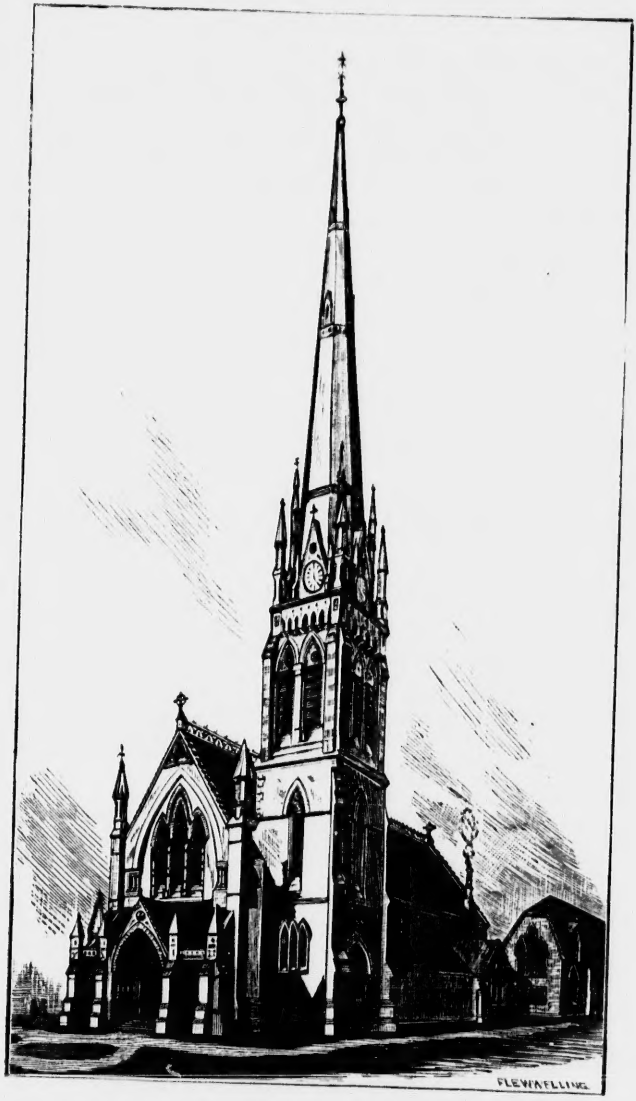
Consecration Service.

Thursday, December 9, 1880.



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Churchwarden.

My Lord, I humbly desire, in my own name, and in the name of the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry, that your Lordship would be pleased, by your ordinary and episcopal authority, to proceed to consecrate this new Church according to the Rites and Discipline of the Church of England.

The Bishop, accepting the Petition, will answer and consent, saying:

Sir, if this be your desire and the desire of the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry, in the Name of God let us begin.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop and Clergy, entering the Church by the West Door and proceeding up the middle thereof towards the East end, shall say or sing the 24th Psalm.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that | therein | is: the compass of the world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

For He hath founded it up | on the | seas: and pre | pared it up | on the | floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill | of the | Lord: or who shall rise up | in His | holy | place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a | pure | heart: and hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn | to de | ceive his | neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing | from the | Lord: and righteousness from the | God of | his sal | vation.

This is the generation of | them that | seek Him : even of them that | seek thy | face O | Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye ever | lasting | doors; and the King of | Glory | shall come | in.

Who is the | King of | Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the | Lord | mighty in | battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye ever- | lasting doors; and the King of | Glory | shall come | in.

Who is the | King of | Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, | He is the | King of | Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, world | without | end. A | men.

The Bishop, standing on the North side of the Holy Table and turning to the Congregation, will say:

DEARLY BELOVED in the Lord, Forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret interpretation of the blessed Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and have separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works our heavenly Father hath vouchsafed to approve and accept; let us not doubt but he will also graciously approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this undertaking, and say,

Then (all kneeling) the Bishop will say the Prayer following.

O ETERNAL GOD, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatsoever place even two or three of thy faithful

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servants shall assemble in thy name to offer up their supplications and their praises to thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honor of thy great name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service, for reading therein thy most holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and performing all other holy ordinances; accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, the Bishop (standing up, and turning his face towards the Congregation) will say:

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that they who in this place shall in their own persons undertake to renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may continue thine for ever; and being preserved in the unity of thy Church, may daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that all such as have, through thy mercy, been preserved in the great danger of Childbirth, and shall come to this place, according to their bounden duty, to give thee thanks for the same, may, through thy help, both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that all who enter into this place may behave themselves with great reverence, devotion, and humility, both of body and mind; and vouchsafe unto them what, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. And be pleased graciously to hear the prayers of thy servants in this place for all such as are afflicted in mind, body, or estate, granting them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. [And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.] *Amen.*

GRANT, O LORD, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have grace and power to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop sitting in his Chair, one of the Clergy is to read publicly (having been directed so to do by the Bishop) the sentence of Consecration.

Then the Officiating Minister reads the Morning Service for the day.

PROPER PSALMS, 48, 122, 132.

PROPER LESSONS: { *The First.* I Chron: xxix, v. 10 to 20. *The Second.* Hebrews x, v. 19 to 26.

Instead of the Collect for the day the Bishop says the following Prayer:

O MOST BLESSED SAVIOUR, who by thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour those and such like religious services, be pleased so to possess our souls by thy grace that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee: and, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, may be devoutly given to serve thee in good works, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Minister proceeds in the Service of the Day to the end of the General Thanksgiving. After which the Bishop says the following Prayer:

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put into the hearts of thy servants to erect this house to thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands; remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have showed for the House of God, and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister who officiates is to go on with the "Prayer of St. Chrysostom," and the "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Then the Bishop proceeds to the Communion Service, and after the Commandments and one of the Collects for the Queen, instead of the Collect for the day is to be used the following Collect:

O MOST GLORIOUS LORD GOD, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging to us; yet we beseech thee in thy great goodness, graciously to accept of the dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking: Fill us, we beseech thee, with an awful dread of thy Divine Majesty, and with a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean

thoughts, pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may always perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. 1*st Corinthians, III, v.* 16 *to the end.*

THE GOSPEL. *St. John X, v.* 11 *to* 17.

Then the Bishop reads the Nicene Creed.

Hymn 1.

Church Hymns 331.

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make:
We are His flock, He doth us feed;
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 Oh! enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why, the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host,
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Hymn 2.

Church Hymns 311.

LIFT the strain of high thanksgiving!
Tread with songs the hallowed way!
Praise our fathers' God for mercies
New to us, their sons, to-day:
Here they built for Him a dwelling,
Served Him here in ages past,
Fixed it for His sure possession,
Holy ground while time shall last.

2 Ent'ring then thy gates with praises,
Lord, be ours Thine Israel's prayer;—
"Rise into Thy place of resting,
Show Thy promised Presence there!"
Let the gracious word be spoken
Here, as once on Sion's height,
"This shall be My rest forever,
This My dwelling of delight."

3 Fill this latter house with glory
Greater than the former knew;
Clothe with righteousness its Priesthood,
Guide its Choir to reverence true;
Let Thy Holy One's annointing
Here its sevenfold blessing shed;
Spread for us the heavenly Banquet,
Satisfy Thy poor with Bread.

4 Praise to Thee, Almighty Father!
Praise to Thee, Eternal Son!
Praise to Thee, all-quickening Spirit!
Ever-blessed Three in One!
Threefold Power and Grace and Wisdom;
Moulding out of sinful clay
Living stones for that true Temple
Which shall never know decay! Amen.

Hymn 3.

Church Hymns 284.

HOLY OFF'RINGS, rich and rare,
Offerings of praise and prayer,
Purer life and purpose high,
Claspéd hands, uplifted eye,
Lowly acts of adoration
To the God of our salvation —
On His altar laid we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them!

2 Sinful thoughts and wilful ways,
Love of self and human praise,
Pride of life and lust of eye,
Worldly pomp and vanity —
Faults that let and will not leave us,
Though their staying sorely grieve us,
Help, oh, help us to outlive them;
Christ, atone for — God, forgive them!

3 Brighter joys and tenderer tears,
Fonder faith, more faithful fears,
Lowlier penitence for sin,
More of Christ our souls within;
Love which, when its life was newer,
Burnt within us deeper, truer —
Lost too long, while we deplore them,
Jesus, plead for — God, restore them!

4 Homage of each humble heart
Ere we from Thy house depart;
Worship fervent, deep, and high,
Adoration, ecstacy;
All that childlike love can render
Of devotion true and tender —
On Thine altar laid we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them!

5 To the Father, and the Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One,
Though our mortal weakness raise
Off'rings of imperfect praise,
Yet with hearts bowed down most lowly,
Crying, Holy! Holy! Holy!
On Thine altar laid we leave them,
Christ, present them! God, receive them!
Amen.

Evening Service

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Hymn 1.

(CHURCH HYMNS, No. 540)

Will be sung as the Bishop and Clergy enter the Church.

Psalms 84, 87, 92.

Hymn 2.

(CHURCH HYMNS, No. 509.)

Hymn 3.

(CHURCH HYMNS, No. 439.)

Hymn 4.

(CHURCH HYMNS, No. 532.)

Will be sung as the Bishop and Clergy leave the Church.